

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

47/121/5

Westford

CLM 413

Town Chelmsford

Place (*neighborhood or village*) West

Address 64 School Street

Historic Name Mary Boswell House

Uses: Present single-family

Original single-Family

Date of Construction 1878

Source Deeds, 1875, 1889 maps, taxes

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim vinyl siding and trim

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Detached garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*)

Ca. 1970 side and rear additions

Ca 2000 replacement siding and windows

Condition

Moved no yes **Date**

Acreage 5.3 A

Setting The house is located approximately 20' northeast of School St. An asphalt drive south of the house leads to the garage. The parcel is flat and grassy with mature trees along the perimeter. The surrounding area includes 19th and 20th c. residential development.



LOCUS MAP



Recorded by Linda V. Prescott

Organization Chelmsford Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*) September 2024

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

CHELMSFORD

64 SCHOOL STREET

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The two-story house has a stone foundation, walls clad in replacement vinyl siding with vinyl trim, and an asphalt-shingled cross gable roof with gable returns. Unadorned friezeboards are along the side walls and cornerbeads are at the gabled ends of the house. An internal brick chimney is located on the south slope of the roof, above the cross gable projection. Most of the fenestration of the building consists of replacement one-over-one double-hung windows. The primary (southwest) façade is two bays wide with single windows on the second story. The first story includes a bay window in the north bay and the main entrance in the south bay. The entrance is sheltered by a one-bay flat roof hood that features wood brackets. A one-story, shed roof addition is located on the southeast wall within the ell of the house. The addition appears to have a painted concrete foundation. Another one-story addition is located at the northeast corner of the house. This addition has a shed roof, multiple windows, and a secondary entrance sheltered by a gabled hood.

The detached two-car garage has a front gable roof and wood clad walls. The north garage bay features a modern garage door and the south bay has been infilled with a pedestrian door.

The building is an altered example of a mid-nineteenth century residence that retains historic integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Deed research was not able to complete the ownership history of the property. No houses are shown in this location on the 1875 Beers map and the 1889 map of West Chelmsford does not cover this area; therefore, a built date based on these resources was not available. The earliest deed discovered was for the June 1896 transfer from Wilbert Brown and Milo Robbins to Sarah Harriman. Harriman, however, died in September and the property was transferred to her daughter Sarah A. Gumb. The 1900 US Population Census lists Sarah (1856-1918), husband William, and three children living in Lowell. After Sarah's death, the property transferred to Sarah's son Richard. In 1921 Richard sold the property to William and Elizabeth Dusablon. The 1930 census lists William (born ca. 1881) and Elizabeth (born ca. 1890) living on School Street with son Walter, daughter-in-law Yvonne, and two grandsons. At this date William was a cabinet maker and Walter was a barber. The Dusablons sold the property in 1944 to Carl and Sarah Peterson. The 1946 directory lists the Petersons at this address with Carl working as a spinner and Sarah was a comber. In 1961 Jack and Anna Hadley purchased the property and in 2000 granted it to Paul and Bonnie Hadley. This makes the Hadley family the longest owners of the property.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: **A** **B** **C** **D**

Criteria Considerations: **A** **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G**

Statement of Significance

The area of West Chelmsford is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a locally significant historic district under Criterion A for the development of this area around the Roby Manufacturing Company and Chelmsford Woolen Mills as well as under Criterion C for its intact examples of mid-nineteenth through early twentieth century residential architecture. The boundary of the proposed district would include resources built during the period of significance along Main Street from approximately Loiselle Lane in the north to the Westford Town Line, as well as resources along School Street between Main Street and Graniteville Road. This building at 64 School Street would be a contributing resource to that district as an example of residential architecture constructed during its period of significance that retains some historic integrity.

64 School Street
Resident List

YEAR	PUBLICATION	PG	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	NOTES
1967	Town Lists	66	Hadley	Anna B.	House Wife	1933	
			Hadley	Jack D.	Fire Dept.	1929	
1966		64	Hadley	Anna B.	House Wife	1933	
				Jack D.	Fire Dept.	1929	
1963		211	Hadley	Anne E.	House Wife	1933	
				Jack D.	Fire Dept.	1929	
1961		101	Stewart	Blanche L.	at home	1898	
1960		106	Stewart	Blanche L.	Office Worker	2/24/1898	
			Bullock	Ann B.	West U Opera	2/1/1939	Residence last year Bedford
				Stephen	Wire Tech	10/29/1937	Residence last year Lexington
1959			Stewart	Blanche L.	Office Worker	2/24/1898	
			Warren	Donald J.	Air force	11/21/1938	from Iceland
				Tonie M.	House Wife	4/22/1936	Residence last year Pennsylvania
1958		n52	Stewart	Waldo E.	Self Employed	62	
		56	Stewart	Blanche L.	Office Worker	59	
1957		n51	Stewart	Waldo E.	Self Employed	61	
				Blanche L.	Office Worker	58	
1956		n48	Stewart	Waldo E.	Self Employed	61	
		52		Blanche L.	Office Worker	57	
1954		n45	Stewart	Waldo E.	Self Employed	58	
		48		Blanche L.	House Wife	55	
1953			Horton	Clifford	Builder	55	Moved to 225 Graniteville Rd.
				Florence	House Wife	66	Moved to 225 Graniteville Rd.
		n44	Stewart	Waldo E.	Self Employed	55	Moved from Boston
		47		Blanche L.	House Wife	54	Moved from Boston
1952		39	Peterson	Sarah			Moved
		n23	Horton	Clifford H.	Builder	54	from Littleton
		23		Florence	House Wife	65	from Littleton
1951		n36	Peterson	Douglas C.	Comber	47	Douglas C. is Carl D.

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			Douglas J.			moved
1949		39	Sarah E.	Mill Worker	45	
		n34	Peterson	Douglas C.	Spinner	46
				Douglas J.	Milkman	20
1948		36	Peterson	Sarah E.	Comber	44
				Douglas	Spinner	44
				Sarah	Comber	42
1947			Peterson	Sarah	Comber	41
				Douglas C.	Spinner	43
1946			Peterson	Sarah E.	Comber	40
				Douglas C.	Spinner	42
1945		33	Peterson	Sarah E.	Comber	39
				Douglas C.	-	Moved From Ripley
1940			Dusablon	none		
1939			Dusablon	none		
1932	Lowell Suburban	145	Dusablon	Wm (Eliz)	Carp	h School WC
1931	Town Lists		Dusablon	William	Carp	50 h School WC
				Elizabeth	Operative	41 h School WC
1925	Lowell Suburban	200	Dusablon	William	Cabinet Maker	h School WC
				Walter	Iron Screw Refitter	b William Dusablon's
1921		266	Gumb	William	Farmer	h School byd Crooked Spring WC
1917		184	Gumb	Sarah A Mrs		h School n Lowell & Westford rd WC
1915		15	Gumb	William	Stone Cutter	h School n cross road WC
		206		Sarah A Mrs		h School n Lowell & Westford rd WC
1905			Gumb	William	Stone Cutter	h School n cross road
1896			Brown	Wilbert		dies April 4, 1897

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Tax Summary

YEAR	DIST/ PREC	PG/LN	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	PROPERTY	SIZE/ ACRE	LAND VALUE
1936		61/46	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1935		- /42	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1934		57/47	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1933		56/36	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1932		55/45	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
1931		63/14	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1930	3	47/27	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
					PT- old age	-\$1.00			
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1929	3	45/20	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	Dwelling	\$1,450.00	School St.	1.75	\$400.00
1921	9	45/37	Dusablon	William & Elizabeth	none		set to Mrs. Wm Gumb Dist 9		
	9	65/21	Gumb	Mrs. Wm	set to Dusablon		mortgage		
					Dwelling	\$1,200.00	Home Improved Land	1.5	\$350.00
					Hen House	\$50.00	75,544 sq. ft.		
1920	9	79/2	Gumb	William, Mrs	Dwelling	\$1,250.00	Home Improved Land	1.5	\$350.00
					Hen House	\$50.00			
1915			Harriman	Sarah (widow)	to Sarah A Harriman				
1892	9	27/36	Harriman	Sarah	Dwelling (Boswell)	\$1,000.00	Home Improved Land	1.5	\$150.00
					Hen House	\$50.00	River Meadow Improved (near Coburn Lot)	4 1.5	\$150.00 \$50.00
1891		Lowell	Harriman	Sarah, Mrs			River Meadow Improved (near Coburn Lot)	4 .5	\$150.00 \$50.00
1876	7	18/47	Boswell	J C	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
1877	7	8/48	Boswell	J C	Poll Tax	\$2.00			
1878	7	7/29	Boswell	Mary, Mrs.	Dwelling	\$900.00	Home Improved Land	1.5	\$100.00

Deed Summary

Jun 9 1944	1008/137	Dusablon to Perterson	<p>William and Elizabeth Dusablon, husband and wife both of Lowell to Carl D. and Sarah E. Peterson, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in common, both of Chelmsford the land with buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running Easterly on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence Westerly on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence Northerly by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound; thence Westerly on Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at School St.; thence Northerly on School St. 125 to the beginning point.</p>
Jan 20 1932	810/380	Buxton to Dusablon	<p>Ruth Buxton, being unmarried of Chelmsford to William and Elizabeth Dusablon, husband and wife as by the entirety and not as tenants in common, both of Chelmsford, the right, title and interest in and to the land described in a deed from William Dusablon of even date and to be recorded here within.</p>
Jan 20 1932	810/380	Dusablon to Buxton	<p>William Dusablon of Chelmsford to Ruth Buxton of Chelmsford all my right, title and interest in and to the land described in a deed from Richard Gumb, Trustee, to me dated April 30, 1921, BK 643/412. Elizabeth Dusablon, wife, releases rights.</p>
May 28 1928	763/270	Dusablon to Dusablon	<p>William Dusablon of Chelmsford grant to myself and my wife, Elizabeth Dusablon, as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in common, both of Chelmsford. Adding wife to the deed.</p>

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Apr 13 1921 643/412 Gumb, TR to Dusablon Richard Gumb of Lowell, under the will of the late Sarah Ann Gumb of Chelmsford, to William Dusablon, of Chelmsford a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the **Easterly** side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the **Northwesterly** corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running **Easterly** on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running **Southerly** by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence **Westerly** on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence **Northerly** by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound; thence **Westerly** on Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at School St.; thence **Northerly** on School Street 125 to the beginning point. Sarah Ann Gumb inherited premises under will of mother Sarah Harrison.

Deed Summary

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| Jun 8 1896 | 276/198 | Robbins to Harriman | <p>Milo E. Robbins of Lowell to Sarah Harriman of Lowell a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running Easterly on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence Westerly on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence Northerly by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound; thence Westerly on Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at School St.; thence Northerly on School Street 125 to the beginning point.</p> |
| Sep 15 1894 | 258/13 | Brown to Harriman | <p>Wilbert E. Brown of Lowell to Sarah Harrison of Lowell a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running Easterly on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence Westerly on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence Northerly by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at said Chelmsford road; thence Northerly on Chelmsford road 125 ft. to the beginning point. Mortgage follows. May O. Brown, wife</p> |

June 8 1896	276/195		Lots of deeds referring to sale, possession and mortgages. In the end Sarah Harriman gets her property.
Mar 17 1892	231/350	Whitaker to Harriman	David W. Whitaker of Lowell to Sarah Harriman of Lowell a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running Easterly on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence Westerly on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence Northerly by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at said Chelmsford Road; thence Northerly on Chelmsford road 125 ft. to the beginning point.
Dec 12 1890	220/399	Hunter to Whitaker	William A. Hunter of Rockport, Ma to David Whitaker of Lowell a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the Easterly side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises on the Easterly side of said street at stone bound; thence running Easterly on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence Westerly on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence Northerly by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at said Chelmsford Road; thence Northerly on Chelmsford road 125 ft. to the beginning point.

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- Aug 10 1882 154/235 Boswell to Whitaker James C. and Mary, wife, Boswell both of Chelmsford to David Whitaker of Lowell a certain lot of land with the buildings situate in West Chelmsford on the **Easterly** side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the **Northwesterly** corner of the premises on the **Easterly** side of said street at stone bound; thence running **Easterly** on land now or formerly of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running **Southerly** by land now or formerly of Mary Dunn and land now or formerly of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence **Westerly** on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of now or formerly of Job T. Farris; thence **Northerly** by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at said Chelmsford Road; thence **Northerly** on Chelmsford road 125 ft. to the beginning point.
- May 3 1876 117/364 Parker to Boswell George C. and Cornelia Parker both of Chelmsford to Mary and James C. Boswell, both of Chelmsford a lot of land situate in West Chelmsford on the **Easterly** side of School Street being the road leading from Chelmsford Centre to West Chelmsford thus described as: Beginning at the **Northwesterly** corner of the premises on the **Easterly** side of said street at stone bound; thence running **Easterly** on land of George Parker 444 ft. to a stone bound; thence running **Southerly** by land of Mary Dunn and land of William Waite 243 ft. to a stone bound at Westford Rd.; thence **Westerly** on Westford Rd. 178 ft. to a stone bound at land of Job T. Farris; thence **Northerly** by Farris land 138 ft. to a stone bound at said Chelmsford Road; thence **Northerly** on Chelmsford road 125 ft. to the beginning point.